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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**In the Specification:**

- (1) On page 1 at line 19, please amend the specification as follows:

The present invention relates generally to computer systems, and more particularly to a system and method to provide a non-intrusive, ~~glanceable~~glanceable and updateable interactive interface associated with a notification platform architecture, wherein prioritized information or notifications and/or indications thereof are rendered across various classes, domains and/or sources of information and communications.

- (2) On page 2 at line 24, please amend the specification as follows:

The present invention relates to a system and methodology to provide a ~~glanceable~~glanceable, interactive user interface associated with one or more prioritized items. These items, ~~which~~ can come in the form of information or notifications, and can be received from external sources and/or from a notification system, wherein priorities can be assigned by the sources and/or automatically determined by a prioritization system. The notifications are then arranged and/or located in a graphical display according to the assigned priorities, thus enabling a user to quickly glance at the display and determine how many items are pending, where items have originated from, and what urgency level is associated with respective items. Other informational properties of the items may also be included in the form of graphical and text features, some of which may be revealed upon user interaction, whereby users employ one or more gestures or actions to access or filter the informational items in one or more ways. Various shapes, locations, colors, and sounds are utilized in a variety of ergonomic configurations to enable users to easily manage a plurality of information sources. A default display can be provided that presents an overview of pending notifications, for example. Through interaction, the user can obtain increasing detail of information about displayed notifications as suitable to the type of the item.

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- (3) On page 5 at line 9, please amend the specification as follows:

The present invention relates to a system and methodology providing a configurable and adaptable user interface for interacting with a plurality of notifications. This can be achieved by providing a visual overview of incoming information, making it clear at a glance how many items associated with an inbox, for example, are waiting for a user, how important the items are, and what main areas of life and/or work the items pertain to. The user interface of the present invention is ~~glanceable~~glanceable since it provides an overview display; unifies multiple sources; and locates important items in the center of the display, for example, to enable a singular point of focus. According to one aspect of the present invention, the interface can be represented as a circle or other shape that resides in the corner or other area of a desktop display screen, possibly transparently blended over other windows, or potentially presented in a faded/translucent manner.

- (4) On page 12 at line 7, please amend the specification as follows:

At 62, the interface 50 can also provide notification change information overtime to enable users to receive ~~glanceable~~glanceable updates of items that arrived while they were away and/or busy with other activities. This can include providing a fast-forward or instant replay selection, wherein the user can quickly review a stored sequential display of how incoming notifications were received over time. Fading or decay options can be provided with the display objects to indicate how unattended notifications become stale over time. For example, if a notification were received that a meeting was scheduled at 2:00, the display object associated with the notification can begin to fade or decay as time passes after 2:00 and the notification has not been attended by the user. Other indications can include different colorings and/or shape alterations. Other examples include brightening and darkening display objects based upon the assigned priority.

- (5) On page 31 at line 2, please amend the specification as follows:

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The present invention relates to a system and methodology to provide a ~~glaneable~~glanceable, interactive user interface associated with one or more prioritized informational items or notifications. Such items can be received from external sources and/or from a notification system, wherein priorities can be assigned by the sources and/or automatically determined by a computer-based prioritization system. The notifications are then arranged and/or located in a graphical display according to the assigned priorities, thus enabling a user to quickly glance at the display and determine how many items are pending, where items have originated from, and what urgency level is associated with respective items. Various shapes, locations, colors, and sounds are utilized in a variety of ergonomic configurations, some controlled by the invocation of a variety of filters and informational lenses to enable users to easily manage a plurality of information sources.